

MILITARY OBLIGATIONS OF PERSONS HAVING DUAL NATIONALITY

Convention signed at Helsinki January 27, 1939

Senate advice and consent to ratification August 1, 1939

Ratified by the President of the United States August 14, 1939

Ratified by Finland September 29, 1939

Ratifications exchanged at Helsinki October 3, 1939

Entered into force October 3, 1939

Proclaimed by the President of the United States October 7, 1939

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The United States of America and the Republic of Finland, being desirous of regulating the question of exemption from military obligations of persons possessing the nationality of both the High Contracting Parties, have decided to conclude a convention for that purpose, and have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America:

Mr. H. F. Arthur SCHOENFELD, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to the Republic of Finland;

and

The President of the Republic of Finland:

Mr. Juho Eljas ERKKO, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Finland;

Who, having communicated to each other their full powers found to be in good and due form, have agreed as follows:

ARTICLE I

A person possessing the nationality of both the High Contracting Parties who habitually resides in the territory of one of them and who is in fact most closely connected with that Party shall be exempt from all military obligations in the territory of the other Party.

ARTICLE II

The present convention shall be ratified and the ratifications thereof shall be exchanged at Helsinki. It shall take effect in all its provisions on the day of the exchange of ratifications and shall continue in force for the term of ten years from that day.

If within six months before the expiration of ten years from the day on which the present convention shall come into force, neither High Contracting Party notifies the other of an intention of terminating the convention upon the expiration of the aforesaid period of ten years, the convention shall remain in full force and effect after the aforesaid period and until six months from such a time as either of the High Contracting Parties shall have notified to the other an intention of terminating the convention.

In witness whereof, the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed the present convention and have affixed their seals thereto.

Done in duplicate, in the English and Finnish languages, both authentic, at Helsinki, this twenty-seventh day of January, nineteen hundred and thirty nine.

H. F. ARTHUR SCHOENFELD [SEAL]

ELJAS ERKKO [SEAL]